## **PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 355**

## **HOUSE BILL NO. 1415**

## By Representatives Watson, Dean, Maggart, Harry Brooks, Niceley, Curtis Johnson

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 694

## By Senators Bunch, Marrero

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 16, Part 3, relative to criminal impersonation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-16-301, is amended by deleting subsection (b) and substituting instead the following new subsections:

- (b) A person commits criminal impersonation who pretends to be a law enforcement officer for the purpose of:
  - (1) Engaging in an activity that is ordinarily and customarily an activity established by law as a law enforcement activity; and
  - (2) Causing another to believe that the person is a law enforcement officer.

(c)

- (1) Criminal impersonation under subsection (a) is a Class B misdemeanor. However, if the criminal impersonation was committed to falsely obtain a driver license or photo identification license, the maximum fine of five hundred dollars (\$500) shall be imposed.
- (2) Criminal impersonation under subsection (b) is a Class A misdemeanor.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 17, 2007



RONRAMSEY SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 5th day of June 2007

PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR